

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of February 14, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Specification

The Applicant has amended page 1 of the specification by deleting the paragraph entitled "Co-pending applications" and replacing it with a new updated paragraph. The US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment;

claims 32, 33, 38-40, 42-44 and 49 are cancelled; and

claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-31, 34-37, 41, 45, 46 and 48 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that pending dependent claims 21, 31, 34-37, 41, 45, 46 and 48 properly reference independent claim 1 and do not require correction to recite --The ... printer-- in place of "A ... printer", as suggested by the Examiner, because there is no requirement under 37 CFR §1.75 for dependent claims to use one or other of "A" or "The" when referencing a previous (including independent) claim.

Further, it is noted that MPEP§608.01(n) under the "Claim Form and Arrangement" merely suggests "The" as a possible claim reference.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the clarity rejections of claims 32, 33, 38-40, 42-44 and 49 based on the above-described Amendment cancelling these claims.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12-20 are allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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